

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Establishment - Forest Department - Sri V. Chalapathi, Forest Range Officer, DWMA, Anantapur - Exemption from undergoing (18) months Ranger's Training and regularization of services in the category of Forest Range Officer, in relaxation of rules - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 456

Dated: 27-09-2013.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.154, EFS&T (For.V) Dept., dt.18.11.1997.
2. Representation of Sri V. Chalapathi, Forest Range Officer, DWMA, Anantapur dt.3.5.2012 along with orders of Hon'ble Tribunal, dt.18.04.2012.
3. From the PCCF, A.P. Hyd., Lr.No.44818/2006/A1, dt.05.06.2012 and 11.06.2012.

O R D E R:-

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in the reference 3rd read above has reported that the post of Forest Range Officer is governed by the Special Rules for the A.P. Forest Service, issued in G.O.Ms.No.154, EFS&T (For.V) Department, dt.18.11.1997. As per rule 10(a) of the said rules, a probationary Forest Range Officer appointed by direct recruitment shall undergo a Special Course of study for a period of two years in any of the Forest Range Officers Training College run by the Government of India i.e., Rangers Training Course. As per rule 12 of the said Rules, the inter seniority of the direct recruit Forest Range Officers trained in the same batch, shall be determined, with reference to the rank in the pass list issued by the respective colleges.

2. In G.O.Ms.No.32, EFS&T Department, dt.24.03.2005, Government, have amended A.P. Forest Service Rules, 1997 issued in G.O.Ms.No.154, EFS&T (For.V) Department, dt.18.11.1997, according to which "Foresters and Deputy Range Officers who stood first-in-first in the training at A.P. School of Forestry, Yellandu and A.P. Forest academy Dulapalli, for the training batches from year 1997-1998 to 2002-2003 shall be selected by the Principal Chief Conservator based on the record of service and after conducting a walking test for training in Rangers College in the country. The persons so selected shall undergo training in Rangers College in the country for a period of not less than two years.

3. In pursuance to the above orders, the concerned Conservators of Forests have conducted walking tests to (6) Forest Section Officers, including Sri V. Chalapathi, for the training period from 1997-98 to 2002-2003 and all of them have been selected for appointment as Forest Range Officers. Accordingly, the Forest Section Officers who stood first-in first during the years 1997-98 to 2002-03 and who were appointed as Forest Range Officers were deputed to attend the training course with effect from 04-09-2008 at Central Academy for State Forest Service, Coimbatore.

4. On the request of Sri V. Chalapathi, Forest Range Officer, DWMA, Ananthpur, Government exempted him from attending the Forest Range Officers training course scheduled to be held from 04.09.2008 at SFS College, Coimbatore with a condition that he should attend the said training course during the next batch. Sri V. Chalapathi, Forest Range Officer was again deputed to undergo (18) months Rangers training course w.e.f. 30.03.2009 vide PCCFs Ref., dt.28.03.2009. But he did not join the college and filed an O.A.No.4980/2009

before the Hon'ble APAT, Hyderabad praying the Hon'ble Tribunal to quash the PCCFs proceedings as he is having only 1 ½ years of service left before his retirement. The Hon'ble Tribunal in its orders dt.18.4.2012 in O.A.No.4980/2009 have set aside the proceeding of PCCFs, dt.28.03.2009.

5. Government, after careful consideration of the circumstances stated by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and keeping in view of the orders of the Hon'ble Tribunal dt.18.04.2012 in O.A.No.4980/2009, hereby order for exemption of Sri V. Chalapathi, Forest Range Officer, DWMA, Ananthapur from undergoing (18) months Ranger's Training Course and regularization of his services in the category of Forest Range Officer, in relaxation of rules. This should not be quoted as a precedent case.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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